

## House Resolution 698

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Harold Parsons; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. James Harold Parsons on January 29, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons was a well-known and lifelong resident of Oconee County,  
5 Georgia, who served as a prominent member of the business and civic community; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons served as a co-owner of Parsons Brothers Market in Athens for 25  
7 years and served on the Bishop City Council since 1957; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was considered the longest serving council member in the entire state with  
9 50 years devoted to the betterment of his community and the State of Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons was instrumental in securing the recognition and listing of the  
11 Town of Bishop on the National Register of Historical Places and in the retelling of the  
12 wonderful history of the town and its people; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
14 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
15 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was married to Betty Parsons for 50 years, a union which blessed him with  
17 four remarkable children, Clay, Mark, Ken, and Tonya; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Parsons leaves behind his loving wife Ola, his children, 11 grandchildren,  
19 and three great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of his life, he  
22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, all who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Parsons join his family in mourning  
24 their loss and hold tight the memories of wonderful times shared with him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Harold Parsons and  
27 expressing its appreciation for his many contributions to his community and the State of  
28 Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. James  
31 Harold Parsons.